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CHARLES J. WALSH
J.S.C.IN RE LONG BRANCH
MANUFACTURED GAS PLANTSUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: BERGEN COUNTY
CASE NO. 268

CIVIL ACTION

CONSENT ORDER NO. 1

THIS MATTER having been opened by motion of the Discovery Committee, with Jacqueline DeCarlo, Esq. appearing for plaintiffs and Anthony J. Marchetta, Esq. appearing for defendants, and counsel for plaintiffs and the defendants having agreed to the form and entry of this Order, and good cause having been shown;

IT IS ON this 2nd day of April, 2004, ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

In an effort to meet the Court's deadline of May 19, 2004 for the completion of all paper discovery, the parties agree as follows:

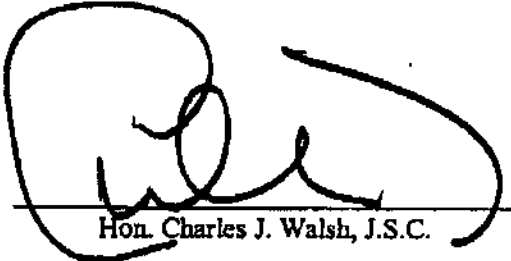
A. On or before April 8, 2004, the parties shall exchange written objections to document requests and interrogatories, but only with respect to objections that they believe may impact the Court's discovery deadlines set forth in Case Management Order No. 2. The exchange of such objections shall not operate to prejudice either the Plaintiffs' or Defendants' right to raise future objections concerning document requests and interrogatories.

The parties shall make a good faith effort to resolve any disputes concerning such objections and, if they are unable to reach agreement on a particular objection in a timely fashion, plaintiffs or defendants may make an appropriate application to the Court for a ruling.

B. Neither the plaintiffs' nor the defendants' documents will be shared with any non-parties or used for any purpose other than the litigation. All documents

selected for copying from the parties' respective productions will be paginated with a designation labeling them "Confidential."

C. In the event that a privileged document is inadvertently produced, the claim of privilege shall not be deemed waived, and all such documents will be returned to the producing party until such time that the Court rules on any challenge to the claim of privilege.



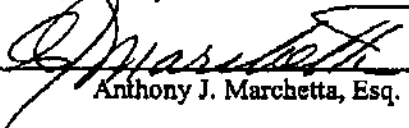
Hon. Charles J. Walsh, J.S.C.

On behalf of all Plaintiffs, I hereby consent to this Order



Jacqueline DeCarlo, Esq.

On behalf of Defendants, New Jersey Natural Gas Company, New Jersey Resources Corporation, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, and FirstEnergy Corporation, I hereby consent to this Order



Anthony J. Marchetta, Esq.